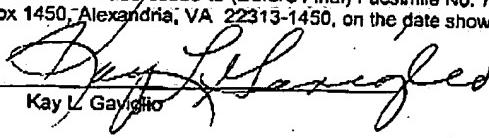


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In re Application of)
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The instant amendment is filed in response to the Official Action dated, June 17, 2003. A shortened statutory period for reply was set for September 17, 2003. A petition for an extension of time for two months until November 17, 2003 is concurrently submitted herein along with the required fee.

The Examiner is requested to enter the present amendment.

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